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Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services; Notice of Federal Advisory **Committee Meeting**

AGENCY: Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Notice of Federal Advisory Committee meeting.

SUMMARY: The Department of Defense (DoD) is publishing this notice to announce that the following Federal Advisory Committee meeting of the Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services (DACOWITS) will take place.

DATES: Day 1 - Open to the public Tuesday, March 20, 2018 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Day 2 - Open to the public Wednesday, March 21, 2018 from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. **ADDRESSES:** The address of the open meeting is the Hilton Alexandria-Mark Center, 5000 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA 22311.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Colonel Toya J. Davis, U.S. Army, (703) 697-2122 (Voice), 703-614-6233 (Facsimile), toya.j.davis.mil@mail.mil (Email). Mailing address is 4800 Mark Center Drive, Suite 04J25-01, Alexandria, VA 22350. Website: http://dacowits.defense.gov. The most up-to-date changes to the meeting agenda can be found on the website.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This meeting is being held under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) of 1972 (5 U.S.C., Appendix, as amended), the Government in the Sunshine Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended), and 41 CFR 102-3.140

and 102-3.150.

Purpose of the Meeting: The purpose of the meeting is for the Committee to receive briefings and updates relating to their current work. The meeting will open with the Designated Federal Officer (DFO) giving a status update on the Committee's requests for information. This will be followed with a briefing on Marketing Strategies. Then the Committee will have two panel discussions on the following topics: Healthy Unit Climate, and Women's Mental Health. The second day of the meeting will open with a panel discussion on Personal Protective Equipment/Gear for Women. This will be followed by an update briefing on Marine Corps Recruit Training. Day two will end with a public comment period.

Agenda: Tuesday, March 20, 2018, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. - Welcome, Introductions, and Announcements; Request for Information Status Update; Briefing: Marketing Strategies; Panel Discussion: Healthy Unit Climate; Panel Discussion: Women's Mental Health; Public Dismissed. Wednesday, March 21, 2018, from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. - Welcome and Announcements; Panel Discussion: Personal Protective Equipment/Gear for Women; Briefing: Marine Corps Recruit Training Update; Public Comment Period; Public Dismissed.

Meeting Accessibility: Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended, and 41 CFR 102–3.140 through 102–3.165, this meeting is open to the public, subject to the availability of space.

Written Statements: Pursuant to 41 CFR 102-3.140, and section 10(a)(3) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, interested persons may submit a written statement for consideration by the DACOWITS. Individuals submitting a written statement must submit their statement to the point of contact listed at the address in FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT no later than 5:00 p.m., Monday, March 12, 2018. If a written statement is not received by Monday, March 12, 2018, prior to the meeting, which is the subject of this notice,

then it may not be provided to or considered by the DACOWITS until its next open meeting. The

DFO will review all timely submissions with the DACOWITS Chair and ensure they are

provided to the members of the Committee. If members of the public are interested in making an

oral statement, a written statement should be submitted. After reviewing the written comments,

the Chair and the DFO will determine who of the requesting persons will be able to make an oral

presentation of their issue during an open portion of this meeting or at a future meeting. Pursuant

to 41 CFR 102-3.140(d), determination of who will be making an oral presentation is at the sole

discretion of the Committee Chair and the DFO, and will depend on time available and if the

topics are relevant to the Committee's activities. Five minutes will be allotted to persons desiring

to make an oral presentation. Oral presentations by members of the public will be permitted only

on Wednesday, March 21, 2018 from 11:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in front of the full Committee.

The number of oral presentations to be made will depend on the number of requests received

from members of the public.

Dated: February 15, 2018.

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Department of Defense.

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